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Sir:

Having grown up at a time when being Hawaiian was not popular, English only spoken, and the Hawaiian way abandoned, I find it hard to know where I belong. Our history was forsaken---so we only knew the Haole history. And, we knew it and the geography of the United States as well as other continents.

After living away from my home as a transplant, I realize we were taught and learned more about other cultures than our own. More so than American children as well. I also realize that our nation's children (U.S.A.) are being deprived of their history and pride of country as we once were. Is this a plan of our government to take their country away from them as they did our Kingdom? I.e. The children are no longer being taught the Bill of Rights or about the Constitution of the United States. Try to find these documents in schools or libraries, you will be amazed!

My question to you is, if something taken illegally, recognized as such by two admissions and one apology, can any transaction or law after the fact be recognized as legal? Especially, if those involved were kept ignorant and those who knew were a minority.

I admire those of the Kanaka Maoli who chose not to be educated in the Haole ways, because to love the land and live off of and respect it means more than mounds of money. That has been a constant in my life, and, now I know where it originates.

We will have our problems as the New Republic did with England and the forming of their new nation. We would just like the right to be recognized as the proud Sovereign Nation we once were. Nothing is impossible.

With all respect, we would appreciate your due consideration.

Aloha and Mahalo,

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